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councils and synods, arranged under the titles of "Astrologie," "Culte des arbres," "Magie," "Lutte contre les anciennes religions," etc.

The volume of Mr. Lang consists of a collection of brief papers and reviews. These articles relate to Primitive Boycotting, The Royal Power in History, A Neglected Side of the Greek Religion, Singularities of the Precepts of Vishnu, Popular Tales in Homer, Ghosts in Mediæval Sermons, and Tradition in Scotland (a review of Napier's book). The articles are marked by the familiar characteristics of the author, — various information, suggestiveness, ability, and tendency to dwell on the comic aspect of his subject. *W. W. N.*

CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALCHEMY TO NUMISMATICS. By HENRY CARRINGTON BOLTON, Ph. D. Read before the New York Numismatic and Archæological Society, December 5, 1889. Author's Edition. New York, 1890. 44 pp. 4to. Three plates.

Alchemy may be entitled the folk-lore of chemistry; it is therefore of interest to observe that Professor Bolton regards the suppositious art not as the father of chemistry, but as a collateral degradation of the science. This resulted from the application through avaricious motives of erroneous speculative principles concerning the constitution of matter, as composed of the union of qualities, a doctrine that reverts to Aristotle. While alchemy is not in any sense to be regarded as the origin of chemistry, the pseudo-science undoubtedly aided in its development. Thus, in the case of alchemy, superstition exhibits itself as the natural result of imperfect scientific observation and false deductions.

In this work the author describes over forty coins and medals struck to commemorate the transmutation of base metal into silver and gold; the series begins with the Rose-nobles of Raymond Lully, in the fourteenth century, and ends with a medal struck in 1716, at the castle of Ambros, Tyrol. The credulity of all classes of persons in alchemy was very general for centuries, and even the year 1889 saw the appearance, in Paris, of a work maintaining the doctrine of transmutation on chemical grounds.

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